Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Grier (Greer) S32281 Transcribed by Will Graves f36GA/NC 10/2/08 rev'd 11/3/15

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State of Alabama, Autauga County: SS

On this 24th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Alvin A. McWhorter, Judge of the County and Orphans Court, now sitting as Judge of the Orphans Court of said County, Moses Greer, a resident of said County, and State, aged seventy-three years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in the State of Georgia, Richmond County, in the year 1777 -- that he was marched to Florida under the command of Major Joseph Walker and Captain David Shearl [? David Sherrill?], where he joined the regular Army, at St. Mary's commanded by General Howe [Robert Howe of North Carolina] -- that he remained in this service four months.

That he afterwards removed from Georgia to North Carolina, where he volunteered in marched to Camden SC under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- that he joined the Army of General Gates [Horatio Gates], at Rugeley's Mills, about 10 miles from Camden -- that he was in the battle at which General Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] -- that as a volunteer he served three months –

That he then returned to the State of Georgia, and about one year after the expiration of his last mentioned service as a volunteer, was drafted, and marched to the trading Ford on the Oconee [River], under the command of Captain Fue [sic, Benjamin Few?], where he joined the United armies of General Twiggs [John Twiggs], General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] and General Erwin -- that he was encamped there for some time, when a treaty was made with the Creek Indians -- that he was engaged in this service, as he now recollects, six weeks --

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State --

To the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, to be propounded to applicants by the Court, this applicant returns the following answers, which are by the direction of the Court inserted, and asked to be taken as a part of his statement or declaration --

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To the first Interrogatory he answers -- I was born in York County, in the State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1759 --

To the 2nd he answers -- I have no record of my age, except one made by myself or by my direction, a few years since --

To the 3rd he answers -- I was living in the places heretofore mentioned when I engaged in the several services above stated -- When peace was effected, and after that event, I lived in North Carolina -- in 1789, removed thence to Georgia -- and in 1823, removed from Georgia to this State, where I have resided ever since --

To the 4th and 5th -- he answers -- I refer for answers to these questions to the above statement --

To the 6th he answers -- In the first service above stated, I received a discharge from Captain Jackson, afterwards Governor Jackson of Georgia but have long since lost it. In subsequent services, I do not recollect receiving any thing in the nature of a discharge --

To the 7th he answers -- I refer to those whose names are assigned to the following and annexed certificates --

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Alvin A McWhorter

S/ Moses Grier

Moss Great

[Eli Terry, a clergyman, Henly Brown and Joseph Goffe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On June 11, 1857, Moses Greer [sic], Executor of the estate of Moses Greer, filed in Coosa County, Alabama stating that he is the son and executor of his father Moses Greer, a revolutionary war pensioner; that his father Moses Greer, the pensioner, died Aug. 11, 1837 and left no widow and the petitioner as his executor; and that he seeks whatever pension as was due his father at the time of his death.

Moss Grier Ex-

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 and a half months in the Georgia and North Carolina militia.]